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Taku Schedule Revised Due To Mechanical Difficulties

The Alaska Marine Highway System has announced a minor change to the sailing schedule of the M/V Taku. The vessel was delayed in Prince Rupert due to repairs to the bridge control system for the main engines. To try and regain its printed schedule, the Taku will bypass Wrangell and Petersburg northbound.

All northbound passengers and vehicles on the M/V Taku have been transferred to the M/V Matanuska. Also, all Ketchikan traffic bound for those ports has been boarded on the M/V Matanuska. The M/V Matanuska has left Ketchikan and will proceed according to its original schedule. Individuals planning to meet northbound passengers of the M/V Taku should plan to meet them upon arrival of the M/V Matanuska.

The M/V Taku will proceed directly to Juneau to continue its southbound schedule. The M/V Taku will be delayed approximately four hours and is estimated to arrive in Auke Bay at 6am, Tuesday, July 8th. To allow the vessel to make up time, travelers are encouraged to check-in two hours prior to the ship's arrival.

Southbound passengers on the M/V Taku should expect delays for the next three days. For information regarding the M/V Taku's arrival in Juneau or the southbound schedule from Juneau, please call the respective ferry terminals in each location.

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Kake Ferry Terminal:	785-3804
Ketchikan Ferry Terminal:	225-6182 or 225-6183
Petersburg Ferry Terminal:	772-3855 or 772-3856
Wrangell Ferry Terminal:	874-2021
Juneau/Auke Bay Ferry Terminal:	789-7453